IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CRIMINAL APPELLATE JURISDICTION
CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.5478 OF 2005

Feroze Abdul Rehman Khan ...Applicant
vs.
The State of Maharashtra ...Respondent

Mr.Shahid Azmi & Rainu Bhatta for the Applicant
Ms M.H.Mhatre,A.P.P. for State

CORAM: A.S.OKA,J.
DATE : SEPTEMBER 5,2005

P.C.:

1. Heard Advocate for the Applicant and learned A.P.P. for State. The offence registered against the Applicant is under sections 258,259,260,467,468,471,420, 120-B read with 34 of the Indian Penal Code. The offence relates to the counterfeiting non-judicial stamps issued by the Government.

2. The learned Advocate for the Applicant submitted that antecedents of the Applicant cannot be the only ground for rejecting the application for bail. He submitted that the present offence has been registered in the year 2003 and the only allegation made against the Applicant by the witnesses is either that the Applicant happens to be a Manager of M/s.S.S.Services which is allegedly dealing in counterfeit stamps or that he was a delivery boy. He submitted that the Applicant is entitled to be enlarged on bail.

3. The learned A.P.P. pointed out that more than 5 cases

have been registered against the Applicant involving the similar allegations and considering the fact that the offence affects the national economy, in larger interests of the public, the Applicant cannot be enlarged on bail.

4. I have considered the submissions. The present offence is relates to sale of counterfeit stamps worth Rs.2,00,000/-. Perusal of the documents produced by the A.P.P. shows that the Applicant is co-accused in a similar case where the provisions of Maharashtra Control of Organized Crimes Act, 1999 have been applied. Considering the fact that the number of cases have been registered against the applicant involving similar offences, this is not a case where the Applicant can be enlarged on bail. Hence Application is rejected.

JUDGE